

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, undated, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. MAPLEWOOD HOTEL, White Mountains, N. H. Sunday. (Aug. 1904.) My dear Alec:

I was so glad to get your telegram this morning. I hadn't thought you any of you could be seriously ill and not let me know, but I was beginning to think you might not be well and so prefer not to tell me so, and the thought was worrying me. You were awfully mean to send me that measure in millimetres, but I forgave you because it all showed you must have been in good spirits or you wouldn't have been so mischievous. By the way who was responsible for the spelling of that telegram? I am curious to know whether any of your state telegrams were spelled like this, bear for bars and millimeters for, well, isn't millemetres the right way? I have decided that young Melville's shoes are 7 inches long and the fifty-five millimetres width will have to go at less than two inches. The shoes I already bought for his "bear tooties" are 6½ inches long and will have to wait for Gertrude.

I didn't write yesterday it poured and we didn't get out. We've just returned from another beautiful drive, but there doesn't seem anything to say. We take the N. Y. Herald and the account of Dr. Ledric's discovery of electrical anasthea (wrong spelt but you know) is intensely interesting. I ordered the N.Y. Sunday Herald sent you from the corner bookstore and so will not send this.

Thank Daisy for her letter also received this morning. I was so glad to get it, I will telegraph and see if Gracie will come. I expected to return by going North towards Montreal instead of South 2 towards Portland and the office are making inquires for me.

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Much love to you all. Don't forget the rolling of the tennis courts. Tell Daisy latest thing in veils is one that starts from the breast and goes up half-way up the nose leaving the eyes exposed, Mrs. Vanderbilt invented it.

Lovingly, Mabel.